

Chairman Joe Kerber on Wednesday July 18, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Building called the Regular Meeting of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors to order as advertised in the Tribune Review on Tuesday December 29, 2017. The members of the Board of Supervisors present were Joseph Kerber and Brian Merdian. Mr. Petros was absent. Also attending the meeting were Terry Stafford, Ray Bacha, Jean Bacha, Bill Luzar, John Seanor, Terri Couch, Tom Couch, Matt Geis, Jack McWilliams, Daryl Dermotta, Tracy Hampshire, Linda Harvey, Jim Harvey, Marianne Errett, Patricia Volpe, Margaret Sensue, Alan Fossi, Bob Janzef, Judy Janzef, Mike Volpe, Tom Lord, JoAnn Dunn, Kathy Kerber, Attorney Kansler, Janet Schork and Erika Horvat.

Mr. Kerber led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Report from Roadmaster, Joe Kerber**

The work that was needed over at the Park and Pool has been completed. We replaced storm pipes on Shaner Road, Morris Road, Church Street, Chop Street, and repaired a pipe on Cherry Street. We replaced a storm pipe and catch box on Pine Street, Jackson Street, Rodebaugh Road and Curry Road. The mower has been out for three weeks now. We have mulched the Lowber playground and Hutchinson playground will be next. We are currently doing berm repairs on Curry Road. Mr. Seanor stated that last month I asked if there was a bond on McGrogan Road, you stated there was, I got a copy of that bond with a right to know and you just got that bond on July 9. Mr. Kerber stated that the engineer was on vacation and when he came back it was taken care off. McGrogen and Tomatko Roads do have bonds on them. Mr. Seanor stated it has been three months that they have been running that road. Mr. Kerber stated we had some issues with the weight limits signs being stolen. The previous company that was using that road did have a bond. Mr. Seanor stated they have been traveling that road for over a month and I have documentation of it. Mr. Seanor asked if the \$24,000 bond is enough to cover that road and bridge if it collapsed. Mr. Kerber stated yes. Mr. Seanor stated they were running the roads down there with a dozer on the back of a truck, over the ton limits. Mr. Kerber stated some of those roads they are not to be on. They are not to be using that bridge. Mr. Seanor stated that we paid \$6,000 for that guide rail and there are no end caps on the one side, you can almost push it over and the bridge is washing out already. Mr. Kerber stated that the bridge needs paved. We need to get something on top of that stone to keep it from washing out. Mr. Kerber stated that we will be down to look at it. Mr. Seanor stated that there is a big hole on Tomatko Road that needs repaired. It is washing out underneath the road. Mr. Kerber stated that we are not going to do anything on that road in till the Waltz Mill site is completed but I will be down to take a look at it.

**Report from Recreation Director, Janet Schork**

- **Crabapple Pool:**

- Installation of our new pool liner, rec deck, and pool fences was completed the end of June and we opened the pool on June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The pool looks amazing!
- With the hot and humid weather, we have had record number of patrons in our first two ½ weeks open.
- We also had our Crabapple Pool – Looza, our renovation celebration on Sunday, July 15. Other than a few hours of off and on stormy weather, the day was a huge success; we had approximately 434 admissions. Also the day’s festivities included a Chinese auction and a special guest, Eddie Steen, Elvis Tribute Artist. Eddie generously donated hour and a half performance to the pool. He is truly a talented artist and we were thankful to have him perform. Also, our grand finale for the day was a spectacular fireworks display by B & D Fireworks from Monessen. The fireworks were enjoyed not only by our pool patrons, but our community as well.
- Thank you to the Supervisors, Yvonne Shawl, the pool manager, our pool and township office staff, our volunteers: Patty Vanyo, Tracy Hampshire, Alan Fossi, Kathy Kerber, and Tracy Kerber, for all of their help before, during, and after the celebration. Additionally, the Fireworks Presented through generous donations from:
  - Chevron
  - RWS Custom Homes
 And Sponsored by:
  - Kerber Contracting
  - Shuster’s Building Components
  - Gibson-Thomas Engineering
  - Cipra Excavating
  - Nemes Glass
  - Zala’s Café
  - Labuda Farm Service
  - (1) Anonymous Donor
- Swim Lessons started last Tuesday with 24 participants and will continue for 5 weeks.

- **Library/Recreation Parking Lot:**
  - A huge thank you to the following volunteers from the Library board who lined the newly paved Recreation Center/Library parking lot: Marci Lavelle, Nate Cross, Kate McKinley, Nathan Botti, Jason Torrance, Jeff Suggars, and Alan Fossi. They did a professional job and it looks great --- thank you so much!

Tracy Hampshire wanted to thank Janet for all of her hard work. She wanted to let her know she is very very much appreciated for all of her hard work that she does for this township. Most don't realize what a great asset you are to the community. There are a lot of things that you do that most don't realize and I want to thank you.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to approve the minutes of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting held on May 16, 2018. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian: yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

### **Public Comment**

Terry Stafford asked why they didn't go all the way with the pipe when doing the pipe work on his property in Hermine. Mr. Stafford stated that the road crew stated they didn't want to deal with the tree. It would be better for me if you would to help with erosion. Mr. Kerber stated we put the proper stone around it to help with erosion. Mr. Stafford asked if they could continue down a little with some more stone or dirt. Mr. Kerber stated we can see what we can do.

John Seanor asked about the street light allocation process. The right to know I pulled stated that there is no lottery process or survey done. You have been stating for months now this is what is going to happen. Mr. Merdian stated that those were some options that we considered. We had a workshop meeting on July 5 on which we discussed the topic of the street light allocation process. When we convened at this meeting asked the solicitor to give his opinion on this process. The process continued to evolve from there. You are entitled to get a copy of those meeting minutes when they are completed. We will be making some more announcements soon on how we are going to implement this process. One way or another we are going to put more street lights up. Mr. Seanor also stated he got a right to know request to get copies of how many grants Bob Regola got for us over the last two years. I got three of them, one is still pending and one is for the corner lot and I think Alan did most of the work for that one. Mr. Merdian stated that two specific CDBG grants have been received over the past two years; about a month ago we received \$280,000 from CDBG for storm water improvements in the village of Herminie. We have submitted grant application for the Dredging of the Crabapple Lake. Mr. Seanor stated that we only got two grants and we have been paying him allot of money. There are so many grants out there for him to find for us and he is not doing his job. Mr. Seanor stated that there is some old pipe of the Townships that is lying over the bank in wetlands that needs cleaned up. Mr. Kerber stated when we go to finish the road; we will get it cleaned up. Mr. Seanor stated that the pipes for the McGrogan Bridge repair are to be cut on a 45 degree angle and they are not. You are to have 30 feet of Rip Rap and there is not. Mr. Kerber stated there is, there is solid rock there and we didn't need to put the rip rap on the solid rock. Mr. Seanor stated that there is something wrong with that bridge and it seems to be too small.

Jean Bacha from Hutchinson asked about the Hutchinson Storm water collection project. Mr. Merdian stated that it is for comprehensive storm water improvements to the village of Hutchinson. Ms. Bacha asked if this will take care of the catch basin she has been asking for. Mr. Kerber stated yes, this is for the entire village but it will be done in phases. Mr. Merdian stated that this is an almost \$700,000 project. Ms. Bacha stated she was hoping we could get that catch basin in because I am still getting water in my basement. Mr. Kerber stated we are after two grants one from Chevron and Growing Greener.

Margerat Sensue asked what the status is for the Sewickley Township verses Costanza case. Attorney Kansler stated that we received judgement against him to clean up the properties and to pay counsel fees; he did not comply with these time frames so I am currently working on judgement filing with the Court of Common Pleas. Mrs. Sensue stated this has been going on for 12 years and he just keeps bringing in more and more junk on these properties. Mr. Merdian stated we are not giving up on this. Mrs. Sensue asked are the results of the workshop meeting for the property maintenance code. Mr. Merdian stated that we are using this code to give us more tools to fight blight and help with properties that have health and safety concerns. This will help with properties like Costanza. This will give us more authority to make sure the residents are living in buildings that follow the International Building Code. This will give us more power to also go after landlords who don't keep their rentals up to code. Attorney Kansler stated that we will be adopting a modified version of the International Property Maintenance Code that is free to review online. Mr. Merdian suggested getting a copy of those minutes once they are approved.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to disburse 2017 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Lowber Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

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| S & T Bank – mortgage payment                     | \$ 602.25          |
| Schulte’s Towing – patch tire                     | \$ 45.50           |
| Schulte’s Towing – maintenance on firetruck       | \$ 2,286.75        |
| Harbaugh Diesel Engine – maintenance on Pierce    | \$ 705.27          |
| Herminie Auto Parts – alternator, bulbs for squad | <u>\$ 136.97</u>   |
|   | <b>\$ 3,776.74</b> |

Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian: yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to disburse 2017 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Hutchinson Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

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| Witmer Public Safety – valve repair on firetruck | \$ 100.00        |
| Harris Auto – Inspection on Mac and Ford 550     | \$ 70.00         |
| Kush Kustom Auto – repair on attack              | <u>\$ 325.00</u> |
|  | <b>\$ 495.00</b> |

Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian: yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to disburse 2017 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Herminie Volunteer Fire Company as follows:

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| Rescue Store – maintenance on Hydraulic Rescue System | \$ 788.00          |
| Rostraver/West Newton EMS – CPR/First Aid training    | <u>\$ 440.00</u>   |
|   | <b>\$ 1,228.00</b> |

Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian: yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to disburse 2017 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Sewickley Township Emergency Management as follows:

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| Bear Com – monthly maintenance on portable radios | \$ 92.00         |
| Staples – four office chairs                      | \$ 446.60        |
| MSATS – 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter rent              | \$ 180.00        |
| Comcast – phone, internet                         | <u>\$ 181.94</u> |
|   | <b>\$ 900.54</b> |

Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian: yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to disburse 2017 EMS Tax funds on behalf of Rillton Volunteer Fire Company:

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| WCCC – training | \$ 150.00 |
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Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian: yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to amend Resolution No. 22-2018 authorizing the execution of the paid-up oil and gas lease with Chevron for a term of five years covering the following properties with tax map numbers 58-07-12-0-024 and 58-07-12-0-097. Attorney Kanser stated that he was contacted by Chevron just prior to the meeting with a third parcel to add to the agenda with tax map # 58-7-12-0-049 I had time to review the lease and it is similar to the others. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian: yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to adopt amended Resolution No. 22-2018 authorizing the execution of the paid up oil and gas lease and addendum and memorandum of lease with Chevron for a term of five years covering the following properties with tax map numbers 58-07-12-0-024, 58-07-12-0-097 and 58-07-12-0-049.

Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian: yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to approve an amendment to the Heavy Hauling Agreement with Chevron removing Chopp Street and Curry Street from the list of bonded roads. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian: yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to consent to the request from the Westmoreland County Tax Claim Bureau for the potential sale of Tax Map Parcel No. 58-16-00-0-052 from the Unsold Property Repository. The location of this property is at 261 McGrogan Road. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian: yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to approve Sewickley Township to contribute \$ 61,551.00 as matching funds for the 2018 Growing Greener Plus Grant Application for the Crabapple Lake Renovations. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian: yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to approve Sewickley Township to contribute \$ 117,975.00 as matching funds for the 2018 Growing Greener Plus Grant Application for the Hutchinson Stormwater Collection Project. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian: yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to ratify donating approximately 10 ton of R-4 stone to the Sewickley Grange for erosion control. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian: yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to ratify the hiring of Patrick Schmidt as Ordinance Officer for Sewickley Township. His compensation will be \$ 13.00 per hour working up to 29 hours per week. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian: yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to donate four 2019 Individual pool passes to the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Michael Pils. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian: yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to ratify Janet Schork to work over her allotted hours on the payroll dates of June 29, July 6, July 13 and July 20, 2018. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian: yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to ratify Susan Leukhardt to work over her allotted hours on the payroll date of July 6, 2018. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian: yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to ratify Roger Anthony to work over his allotted hours on the payroll date of July 7, 2018. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian: yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to ratify Clint Strosko to work over his allotted hours on the payroll date of July 20, 2018. Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian: yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to approve the following bills for payment.

**General Fund:**

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| Checks 9595 to 9605 - \$ 29,171.21 (6/20/18) | ACH Payments:MSATS - \$ 58.95 (6/20/18) |
| Checks 9606 to 9619 - \$ 8,028.64 (6/27/18)  | First Energy - \$ 38.62 (6/26/18)       |
| Checks 9620 to 9626 - \$ 23,405.80 (6/28/18) | First Energy - \$ 507.58 (6/28/18)      |
| Checks 9627 to 9628 - \$ 272.04 (7/6/18)     | S & T Loan - \$ 2,487.28 (7/2/18)       |
| Checks 9629 to 9644 - \$ 29,817.48 (7/13/18) | Columbia Gas - \$ 26.31 (7/5/18)        |
| Checks 2006 to 2009 - \$ 8,657.51 (6/26/18)  |   |

**Crabapple:**

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| Checks 4565 to 4568 - \$ 509.90 (6/20/18)   | ACH Payments:MSATS - \$ 58.95 (6/20/18) |
| Checks 4569 to 4572 - \$ 3,132.69 (6/27/18) | First Energy - \$ 33.60 (6/27/18)       |
| Checks 4574 to 4586 - \$ 5,133.66 (7/10/18) | First Energy - \$ 72.13 (6/28/18)       |
| Checks 4587 to 4588 - \$ 4,300.00 (7/11/18) |   |
| Check 4589 - \$ 1,000.00 (7/12/18)          |   |

**Recreation:**

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| Check 2769 - \$ 156.35 (5/24/18) | ACH Payments:MSATS – \$ 59.95 (6/20/18) |
|                                  | First Energy - \$ 389.32 (6/28/18)      |

**Highway Aid:** Check 481 - \$ 19,931.16 (6/26/18)  
Check 482 - \$ 6,719.00 (6/26/18)

**Payroll Invoices:**

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| Check 5415 - \$ 11.28 (6/20/18)             | ACH Payments:Payroll Liabilities \$ 861.36 (6/20/18) |
| Checks 5421 to 5422 - \$ 2,656.13 (6/27/18) | Payroll Liabilities \$ 5,261.78 (6/22/18)            |
|   | Payroll Liabilities \$ 2,671.62 (6/29/18)            |
|   | Payroll Liabilities \$ 3,541.34 (7/13/18)            |
|   | Payroll Liabilities \$ 2,811.98 (7/9/18)             |

Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian: yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

Brian Merdian made a motion, seconded by Joe Kerber to approve the following payrolls for payment.

Employees Payroll:        (twp) 6/29/18 - \$ 10,906.46  
                                     (pool) 6/29/18 - \$ 839.95  
                                     (twp) 7/6/18 -\$ 9,796.18  
                                     (pool) 7/6/18 -\$ 3,343.11  
                                     (twp) 7/13/18 - \$ 12,421.21  
                                     (pool) 7/13/18 - \$ 4,460.41  
                                     (twp) 7/20/18 - \$ 11,195.83  
                                     (pool) 7/20/18 - \$ 5,014.81

Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian: yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried.

### **New / Old Business**

With no further business to come before the Board, Brian Merdian made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Kerber.

Voting: Mr. Kerber, Mr. Merdian: yes; Mr. Petros, absent. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Erika Horvat  
Secretary/Treasurer